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Baker & McKenzie joins Ko-Tech for the first solar highway sound/noise barrier project in the Western Hemisphere


Traffic noise has been recognized by the World Health Organization as a major environmental and health issue. Traffic noise has been demonstrated to have significant negative health impacts on populations living close to road infrastructure. Highway noise barriers have therefore been constructed for a number of years in an effort to mitigate this issue. Ko-Tech and its partners (Nuwatt, Ramboll Environ, SSM) offer a practical idea which combines solar technology and highway noise barrier structures. Ko-Tech and its partners are working with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the local governments and community to potentially install 2,500 feet of solar panels along a stretch of Route 128 in Lexington. The project would produce 825,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, to be fed into the Eversource power structure. This project will be the first of its kind in the Western Hemisphere. Baker & McKenzie’s unwavering commitment to the renewable energy industry and extensive experience was two of many attributes to be chosen by Ko-Tech.

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The partnership will result in efficient management of Ko-Tech’s legal needs and the protection of its rights in the fullest extent worldwide.

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